OUR TREASURER - Mr. HERBERT A. GILLIARD

I never did believe in crowing about one's self but since I have to do this little biography myself here it is. Sad as it may seem you have another of those Florida Crackers as one of your officers of the A.H.S.

I was born in Jacksonville, Florida on the cool evening of October 7, 1924. I have lived here in our beautiful state, except for a 3-1/2 year stint in the Navy during WW II. During my time in service I covered many states and made a tour over in the South Pacific, but after I got out I headed back home to Florida. I'm still with the good old Navy too -- in more ways than one. It has served me as a livelihood from the civilian standpoint, having worked for the various Navy facilities for over 18 years (except for 6 months working with the Air Force); and also I am still in the Inactive Reserve - having worked up from seaman, while on active duty, to the rank of chief warrant officer as of now. I will complete 18 years of active/inactive Naval service on may 10th.

I was married on November 19, 1949 to a transplant from Oceana, West Virginia by the name of Geraldean (Gerry) Adkins. We have to children, a son - Eris Gerald, born November 15, 1952 and a daughter - Wanda Annett, born October 7, 1955 (my birthday present that year).

My line of work is with the Supply Department, Naval Air Station, Sanford, Florida. I am a Supervisor of the Auxiliary Stores Division, and currently handle the many supplies needed to support the seven squadrons and station facilities. We have an estimated 3½ million dollars invested in spare aviation parts and general supplies, in addition to handling approximately 15 million gallons of fuels each year, for use in the Navy's Heavy Attack Bomber - the A3D Jets.

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OUR SECRETARY - Mrs. JEANNE DEWEY

I am another transplanted Northerner, coming from a town west of Chicago, Illinois 5½ years ago to Vero Beach.

I was born in Chicago on April 26, 1917 (one year older than Jimmie Monroe). My daughter, now 18, and I have lived with my parents since the second world war. We "retired" to Florida, baught a home near the ocean and became Hibiscus lovers from the start. We joined the Indian River Chapter through the efforts of Jack Stinson and Al VonPlinsky.

Mother is gone now, but Dad and I still attend our local chapter meetings faithfully. Three years ago at the annual meeting at Cypress Gardens I was met at the gate by Jack Stinson, asked if I would be the AHS secretary and before I could close my mouth I was elected. This is my third year now and I have enjoyed the work and the wonderful people I have met and been associated with.

Next to my family, home and Hibiscus, my other job is at The Florida National Bank of Vero Beach, another job which I enjoy thoroughly.

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Although I was born in Jacksonville I consider Orlando my home and intend to remain here. Orlando Has been our home since 1948.

I started getting the Hibiscus "fever" bug when I joined the Mid-Florida Chapter in 1957. I was elected vice-president of the Mid-Florida Chapter for the 1958-59 term; president for the 1959-60 term and treasurer for the 1960-61 term. I was elected to the treasurer's job for the American Hibiscus Society in June 1960 and between keeping two sets of records I

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